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## Louisiana Cotton Yield Exceeds Earlier Expectations

“Louisiana’s cotton crop is expected to yield 784 pounds per acre, surpassing the August 1 forecast by 147 pounds,” according to Dave Frank, Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Frank stated that all major crop yields except corn are expected to be down in 2004.

Louisiana’s **cotton** production is expected to total 800,000 bales, up 3 percent from last month, but down 22 percent from 2003. An estimated 490,000 acres are expected to be harvested, 20,000 acres more than last year. Yield per acre, at 784 pounds, is up 20 pounds from the previous month, but down 183 pounds from last year’s record yield. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is forecast at 21.8 million bales, up 22 percent from 2003.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 11.4 million net tons, unchanged from last month, but down 11 percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 475,000 acres. Net yield is forecast at 24 tons per acre. If realized, this will be the lowest yield since 1993, when the state averaged 22.8 net tons per acre. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is forecast at 30.4 million tons, 10 percent below last year.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 33.2 million bushels in Louisiana, unchanged from October, but up 32 percent from a year ago. An estimated 1,070,000 acres are expected to be harvested, 330,000 acres more than last year. Yield is forecast at 31 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 3 bushels from last year. U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the October forecast and 28 percent above 2003.

Louisiana’s **rice** production is forecast at 28.4 million cwt, up 1 percent from last month and up 7 percent from 2003. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 530,000 acres. Yield is expected to average 5,350 pounds per acre, down 520 pounds from last year’s record yield. U.S. production is forecast at 228 million cwt, up 1 percent from October and up 14 percent from 2003.

Louisiana’s **corn** production is forecast at 54.7 million bushels, unchanged from last month, but down 18 percent from a year ago. Corn acreage for harvest is forecast at 405,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 135 bushels, is up 1 bushel from 2003. U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 16 percent above 2003.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 5.60 million bushels in the state, compared to 14.0 million bushels last year. Sorghum harvest acreage is forecast at 80,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, unchanged from October. U.S. production for the 2004 crop is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month and up 15 percent from 2003.

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**CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA**  
**November 1, 2004**

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
Corn for grain	500	<b>405</b>	134	<b>135</b>	bushels	67,000	<b>54,675</b>
Upland Cotton	510	<b>490</b>	967	<b>784</b>	lbs: bales	1,027	<b>800</b>
Rice	450	<b>530</b>	5,870	<b>5,350</b>	lbs: cwt	26,397	<b>28,355</b>
Sorghum for grain	165	<b>80</b>	85	<b>70</b>	bushels	14,025	<b>5,600</b>
Soybeans	740	<b>1,070</b>	34	<b>31</b>	bushels	25,160	<b>33,170</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	490	<b>475</b>	26.2	<b>24.0</b>	net tons	12,838	<b>11,400</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	380	<b>360</b>	2.9	<b>2.6</b>	tons	1,102	<b>936</b>
Pecan, all <sup>1</sup>	---	---	---	---	pounds	20,000	<b>8,000</b>

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
Corn for grain	71,139	<b>73,311</b>	142.2	<b>160.2</b>	bushels	10,113,887	<b>11,740,920</b>
Upland Cotton	11,826	<b>12,970</b>	723	<b>808</b>	lbs: bales	17,822.9	<b>21,825.0</b>
Rice	2,997	<b>3,334</b>	6,645	<b>6,828</b>	lbs: cwt	199,157	<b>227,650</b>
Sorghum for grain	7,798	<b>6,559</b>	52.7	<b>71.9</b>	bushels	411,237	<b>471,572</b>
Soybeans	72,476	<b>73,990</b>	33.9	<b>42.6</b>	bushels	2,453,665	<b>3,150,441</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	994.4	<b>961.6</b>	34.0	<b>31.6</b>	net tons	33,857	<b>30,350</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	63,342	<b>61,589</b>	2.48	<b>2.69</b>	tons	157,123	<b>165,920</b>
Pecan, all <sup>1</sup>	---	---	---	---	pounds	282,100	<b>189,300</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates carried forward from earlier forecast.

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